NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Proposed Plan for ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM SITE 16 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL RANGE TRENCH Beale Air Force Base, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MARCH 07, 2011 - APRIL 06, 2011

The U.S. Air Force at Beale Air Force Base (AFB) invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) Site 16 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Range Trench, at Beale AFB, California.

The Proposed Plan summarizes previous site investigations, the contamination discovered, current site conditions, presents the Air Force's interim preferred alternative (Preferred Alternative) for cleaning up perchlorate in groundwater at the former EOD trench at the EOD Range, and provides the rationale for this preference. Additional cleanup alternatives evaluated for the site are also presented in this Proposed Plan.

The recommended cleanup alternative consists of prior removal of the source of perchlorate to groundwater and proposes groundwater monitoring and evaluation and land use controls (LUC) to restrict groundwater access and use. This Preferred Alternative for Site 16 is referred to as **Alternative GW-2: Source Area Removal, Evaluation Monitoring, and LUCs**. Other cleanup alternatives that are presented in the Proposed Plan include: Alternative GW-1: No Further Action; Alternative GW-3: Source Area Removal, In Situ Bioremediation (Biobarrier), Evaluation Monitoring, and LUCs; and Alternative GW-4: Source Area Removal, Groundwater Extraction and Treatment (Ion Exchange), Evaluation Monitoring, and LUCs.

Following public review and comment on the Proposed Plan, and after reviewing and considering comments, the selected interim remedy will be documented in an Interim Record of Decision (IROD). The Air Force is issuing this Proposed Plan and will implement the interim remedy for Site 16 in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and under the oversight of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board).

How Do I Participate? The Air Force encourages you to take the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the Air Force, concerning the Preferred Alternative and all other alternatives that are presented in the Proposed Plan during the public comment period, which is **March 07, 2011 through April 06, 2011**. Send comments to:

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All comments must be postmarked or received by April 06, 2011.

In addition, a public meeting will be held to explain the Proposed Plan and all of the alternatives presented in it. The meeting will be held at the One Stop Center, 1114 Yuba Street, Marysville, California, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on **March 17, 2011**. Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? The Proposed Plan and other site related documents, including the *Final Site 16 Remedial Investigation Report, Revised Final Site 16 Feasibility Study Report,* and *Addendum to the Site 16 Feasibility Study Report* are available for review at:

Yuba County Library 303 2nd Street Marysville, California 95901 (530) 749-7380 Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826 (916) 255-3734

You can also review information on DTSC's EnviroStor website. Visit http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/, type in "Beale AFB" for the location then "Get Report," find "BEALE AFB - IR/MMRP," then click on the "Report" then click on "Sub-Areas tab" Scroll bottom and find information on "Site 16".

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please contact one of the staff listed below for questions regarding the Site.

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